

April 8, 2008

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 16, 2008  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council  
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
April 16, 2008**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

*4A.	<u>Approval of February 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes</u>	4A. Review and approval of the February 20, 2008 meeting minutes.
*4B.	<u>Project Changes: Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u>  The FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that	4B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as shown in the attached table.

time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A. The amendments include adding the noise reduction study at ADOT, repackaging of two City of Tempe projects into one, and adding six Transportation Enhancement Projects that were approved by the ADOT Board in November 2007. An administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of these project changes. This item is on the April 9, 2008, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4C. ADOT Requested Change to Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) Projects

ADOT has requested that a small change in the funding from the State Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account that was approved by MAG in December 2006 be modified slightly to decrease the funding by \$1.0 million for the I-10: Sarival to Verrado Way project and increase the funding by \$500,000 each for the L303: Bell Road Crossing and for the L303: Cactus and Waddell Road Crossing projects. This has determined that the \$1.0 million is not required to complete the I-10 project and the additional funding is needed for the L303 projects. There is no fiscal impact on the MAG Freeway Program. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project change. This item is on the April 9, 2008, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*4D. MAG Commuter Rail Strategic Plan

Since February 2007, MAG has been working on a Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, which will establish a framework for implementing commuter rail service in Maricopa County and

4C. Recommend approval of the ADOT request to decrease the funding by \$1.0 million for the I-10: Sarival to Verrado Way project and increase the funding by \$500,000 each for the L303: Bell Road crossing and for the L303: Cactus and Waddell Road crossing projects.

4D. Recommendation to accept the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan as the guiding implementation framework for commuter rail, and for MAG to proceed with the first four implementation steps identified on page nine of the Executive Summary: 1) Ongoing Coordination; 2) Union Pacific

northern Pinal County. The MAG consultant provided project briefings to the Management Committee, Transportation Policy Committee, and Regional Council in November and December 2007. On March 27, 2008, the Transportation Review Committee recommended to accept the Commuter Rail Strategic Plan, and for MAG to proceed with the first four implementation steps identified on page nine of the Executive Summary: 1) Ongoing Coordination; 2) Union Pacific Passenger Rail Coordination; 3) Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Coordination; and 4) Regional Transit Planning. This item is on the April 9, 2008, Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

Passenger Rail Coordination; 3) Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Coordination; and 4) Regional Transit Planning.

### **ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD**

5. Transportation Planning Update

For the past three years, MAG has been engaged with the regional planning organizations throughout Arizona to work collaboratively to address Arizona's growth and transportation issues. Concurrently, MAG has been working to address high growth areas in the MAG region with the Hassayampa Valley and Hidden Valley Framework studies. MAG has also initiated a Transit Framework Study and will be initiating an update of the Regional Transportation Plan. These studies along with a statewide Transportation Reconnaissance Study have laid the foundation for a statewide transportation planning effort by the Arizona Department of Transportation. A report on these activities will be provided to the Transportation Policy Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Information, discussion and input by the Transportation Policy Committee.

6. Role of Transportation Policy Committee Regarding Statewide Transportation Planning

In April 2002, the Regional Council approved the General Concepts and Responsibilities of the Transportation Policy Committee. These responsibilities included among others, making recommendations to the Regional Council

6. Information discussion and possible action.

regarding the Regional Transportation Plan and amendments to the Regional Transportation Plan. These roles have subsequently been codified in state law. A discussion will be held regarding the TPC's role in addressing recent statewide efforts for a statewide initiative that would include transportation plans/projects that impact the MAG region.

7. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information, discussion and possible action.